

and are persuaded we need only mention to you how much this state is interested in the measure, to induce you to take every step in your power to have the money repaid by the United States which we have advanced for these unhappy people, and to have ample provision made for their support while they remain among us.

Which were read the first and second time and agreed to.

A petition from John Courts Jones, of Charles county, praying compensation for depredations committed by the enemy during the late war, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Digges, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of James Morrow, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, stating, that the causeway at Kent Narrows, which divides the Isle of Kent from the Main, is impassable, and praying they may be empowered by law to repair the same, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Barnes, Mr. O'Bryon and Mr. Seney, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Digges, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Sanders, have taken the same into consideration, and report, that the petitioner, while acting in the capacity of coroner for Charles county, received writs of execution, issued at the suit of the state of Maryland against the property of colonel Francis Ware, the then sheriff of said county; that he levied, in virtue of the said writs, the sum of £.498 15, under the direction of William Kilty, then agent for the state, and the sum of £.333 6 1, under the direction of William Campbell, the subsequent agent; that the poundage fees on these executions, amounting in the whole to the sum of £.25 8 2³, was not deducted from the amount of sales, but paid over to the state, and no property remains of the said Ware, or any other means by which the said John Sanders can be reimbursed the said sum of £.25 8 2³, unless the state pay the same. The committee further report, that it has been usual for poundage fees to be paid out of any remaining property the defendant may have, but in this case, as the whole of the property was taken by the state, and sold for its use, this method could not be pursued; besides, the committee are disposed to think, that plaintiffs are in all cases responsible for the officers fees, as the services rendered are at their instance. The committee are of opinion, that the aforesaid sum of £.25 8 2³, is justly and rightly due the said Sanders, and therefore beg leave to recommend, that the committee of claims be directed to allow the said John Sanders the said sum of £.25 8 2³, on the journal of accounts. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

Whereas John Hall, Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, James Brice, William Hall, the 3d, and Charles Wallace, are appointed commissioners by law for the purpose of building a gaol in Anne Arundel county, and a meeting of the said commissioners cannot be readily and frequently had, so as to carry on and complete the business of the said building, on account of the indisposition of two of the said commissioners, and the distant residence of another, RESOLVED, That John Randall and James Mackubin, of the city of Annapolis, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of building the said gaol, in addition to those already appointed, and with the like powers, and that any three or more of them have power to act.

The bill to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Cambridge, in Dorchester county, and to establish and regulate a market in said town, the bill for the relief of Cornelius West, the bill for the relief of Anne Dent and Theodore Dent, administrators of Peter Dent, late of Charles county, deceased, the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of flour, staves and shingles, not merchantable, from the town of Baltimore, in Baltimore county, and to regulate the weight of hay and measure of grain, salt, flax-seed and firewood, within the said town, and to prevent the exportation of flour, not merchantable, from Feli's Point, in the said county, the resolution respecting Talbot Shipley, and the resolution respecting communications from the court of appeals, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the better regulation of apprentices, and the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 21, 1793.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have reconsidered the fourth amendment to the bill, entitled, An act for the better regulation of apprentices, and are of opinion, that we ought not to recede from it. The clause which that amendment strikes out might lead the master to too great severity, and it is unnecessary, because by the nature of the contract he has the inherent right of giving moderate correction to the apprentice, and obliging him to attend some place of public worship, without violating the rights of conscience. We hope that on further consideration you will agree in opinion with us, and adopt the amendment.

By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk.

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On the second reading the bill relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, the question was put, That the following clause be received as an amendment to the said bill? "And be it enacted, That the justices of the levy court of Cæcil county, shall and they are hereby directed to apply two thirds of the monies arising from the tax laid by virtue of this act on the property lying to the southward and eastward of Elk-river, in said county, towards